

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Peter Gingras Art Unit : 3738
Serial No. : 10/621,941 Examiner : Thomas J. Sweet
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Title : SOFT TISSUE IMPLANTS AND METHODS FOR MAKING SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the action mailed September 19, 2006, Applicant elects the invention of Group 1 (claims 1-12 and 14-25). Applicant further elects the species of a non-absorbable polymer (referred to as "subspecies GG" on page 5 of the Examiner's action).

The election is made without traverse.

Claims 1-3, 8-12, and 14-25 read on the elected species, to which the claims will be restricted in the event that no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner states, "[c]urrently, no claim appears generic" (Office action at page 6). Applicant's representative respectfully requests clarification on this point, as at least pending claim 1 is generic to the species of polymers set out in the Office action at page 5.

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